

109<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# S. 3789

To amend the Social Security Act to waive the 24-month waiting period for Medicare coverage of individuals disabled by reason of exposure to tremolite asbestos.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 3, 2006

Mr. REID (for Mr. BAUCUS) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Timely Access to Care  
5 Act of 2006”.

1 **SEC. 2. WAIVER OF 24-MONTH WAITING PERIOD FOR MEDI-**  
2 **CARE COVERAGE OF INDIVIDUALS DISABLED**  
3 **BY REASON OF EXPOSURE TO TREMOLITE AS-**  
4 **BESTOS.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—Section 226(h) of the Social Secu-  
6 rity Act (42 U.S.C. 426(h)) is amended—

7 (1) by inserting “(A)” before “in the case”; and

8 (2) by inserting after “(ALS)” the following:

9 “and (B) in the case of an individual who has been  
10 determined to be entitled to disability insurance ben-  
11 efits under this title on the basis of an impairment  
12 that may be caused by exposure to tremolite asbes-  
13 tos (in accordance with Social Security Ruling, SSR  
14 06–01p (as published in the Federal Register on  
15 May 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 30467)) or otherwise”.

16 (b) **EFFECTIVE DATE.**—The amendments made by  
17 this section shall take effect on the date of enactment of  
18 this Act.

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